

Medicare Demonstration Directory for Home Medical Products

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**Important new information for
Medicare recipients in the
San Antonio, Texas area**

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Medicare's new medical supply program for the San Antonio area

If you live in **Bexar, Comal or Guadalupe counties** of Texas, Medicare is changing how you rent or buy medical supplies and equipment for health care at home. If you or a family member uses medical supplies or equipment, such as oxygen or a hospital bed, read this booklet to find out how a new Medicare program can help you save money.

Starting in February 2001, you will need to buy medical supplies or rent equipment from a list of Medicare-Preferred Suppliers. These suppliers are preferred by Medicare because they have agreed to provide you with the best price and service in your area. If you go to other suppliers, you will have to pay the full cost of the medical supplies or equipment yourself.

This guide helps you find a Medicare-Preferred Supplier for what you need.

Note: If you belong to or join a Medicare+ Choice plan, such as a Medicare HMO, or if you do not need medical supplies or equipment for health care at home, there will be no changes in your Medicare benefits.

Why Medicare is starting a new program

Medicare wants to be sure you get good service and that you are not paying too much for the supplies you need. Medicare is finding new ways to save you money.

This preferred-supplier program is a small, local program that will show if money can be saved and services improved. If this demonstration program is successful, other areas of the country may adopt it to save money and improve services.

In this demonstration, Medicare is asking you to use certain suppliers when you buy medical supplies or rent medical equipment. These companies competed to serve you by promising lower prices and better service than other suppliers serving Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties. A list of these companies starts on page 10.

There will be many benefits to this program:

- You will pay less out-of-pocket than you do now for the equipment and supplies included in the program.
- You will receive higher quality services and

products because Medicare has thoroughly reviewed these suppliers.

- This program will save money for Medicare so that it can serve you better in the coming years.

This program will end on December 31, 2002. After the program ends, you can buy and rent equipment as you have in the past. If this program is successful, Medicare may continue the program, or expand it to other parts of the country.

How the program works

The program begins February 1, 2001 for Medicare Part B recipients who live in Bexar, Comal or Guadalupe counties. If you need any of the following equipment or supplies, you need to rent or buy them from a Medicare-Preferred Supplier:

- Oxygen, equipment and related supplies
- Nebulizer inhalation drugs, like albuterol sulfate
- Hospital beds and accessories
- Manual wheelchairs and accessories
- Non-customized orthotics

When you buy or rent from a Medicare-Preferred Supplier, you pay only 20% of the Medicare price for your supplies (after your annual \$100 deductible). Medicare will pay the rest directly to the supplier. You do not need to file any claims to Medicare.

You are asked to rent or purchase only the items listed on page 6 from the Medicare-Preferred Suppliers. If you use any other home medical equipment, you can continue to buy them as you have in the past. Your relationships with doctors, hospitals and other health care providers will not change.

You may keep your current arrangements

Starting February 1, you must buy or rent the products listed on page 6 from Medicare-Preferred Suppliers in order for Medicare to pay for the items.

But if you currently

- Rent oxygen equipment,
- Buy nebulizer drugs, like albuterol sulfate
- Rent a hospital bed, or
- Rent a manual wheelchair

you may continue to get these from your current

supplier. However, your supplier will have to accept Medicare's prices.

If you travel

In some cases, your Medicare-Preferred Supplier may be able to make arrangements with another supplier for you while you are traveling.

If you are traveling outside Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe counties, and your Medicare-Preferred Supplier cannot provide the items or services you need, you can buy or rent them from other companies. Medicare will use its usual payment policy in these instances.

What if I buy or rent from a supplier that is not listed here

Medicare will deny claims for items from companies that are not on the preferred list. **If you do not use a Medicare-Preferred Supplier for the products included in this program (see page 6), you will be responsible for paying the full cost.**

The exception to this is if you currently rent oxygen equipment, a hospital bed or manual wheelchair, or buy nebulizer drugs, like albuterol sulfate, and your supplier agrees to accept Medicare's prices.

For more information

If you have questions about this program, there are two numbers you can call. Call toll free:

1-888-289-0710

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Eastern Time

Medicare also has a person who works in San Antonio to answer your questions about this program. He can meet with you, members of your club or group, and with medical professionals.

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1-210-495-6332

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Central Time

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

This directory lists the Medicare-Preferred Suppliers in alphabetical order. Checkmarks show the products available from each supplier.

Only companies listed in this directory are preferred by Medicare to provide the products listed on page 6. If you use a company not listed here, you will have to pay the full cost yourself.

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers

Demonstration Products

	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
AAA Medical & Oxygen Supply 11923 Starcrest San Antonio, TX 78247 Phone: (210) 496-9770 Toll Free: (800) 393-0620 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓		
A.R.E. Pharmcare, Inc. 5419 Bandera Road, Suite 707 San Antonio, TX 78238 Phone: (210) 520-9595 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Alamo Sleep Center & Respiratory Equipment, Inc. 4865 Fredericksburg Road San Antonio, TX 78229 Phone: (210) 340-1141 Toll Free: (800) 382-2260 Service Area: Bexar County	✓				
AMERICAIR of San Antonio & Austin 401 Isom Road, Suite 430 San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 349-4370 Toll Free: (800) 349-4370 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				

Medicare-Preferred Suppliers	Demonstration Products				
	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
American Homepatient 4319 Medical Drive, Suite 115 San Antonio, TX 78229 Phone: (210) 614-0110 Toll Free: (800) 445-1681 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Angel Care Medical Supply, Inc. 238 Princeton San Antonio, TX 78201 Phone: (210) 735-0300 Service Area: Bexar County	✓			✓	
Aspin Health Systems, Inc. 727 S. Alamo San Antonio, TX 78205 Phone: (210) 225-0101 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties			✓		
Bexar Care Home Medical Equipment & Supplies 7410 John Smith, Suite 214-A San Antonio, TX 78229 Phone: (210) 614-3804 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Cedar View Medical Supply 519 N. King Street, Suite 110 Seguin, TX 78155 Phone: (830) 372-3000 Service Area: Guadalupe County	✓	✓		✓	
Champs Medical 3939 E. Southcross San Antonio, TX 78222 Phone: (210) 359-8128 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chartwell Care Givers, Inc. 12500 Network Blvd., Suite 210 San Antonio, TX 78249 Phone: (210) 561-8800 Service Area: Bexar and Comal Counties	✓	✓			
Choice One Medical 2434 Brockton San Antonio, TX 78217 Phone: (210) 822-8387 Toll Free: (800) 966-3495 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties			✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Christus Santa Rosa HomeCare 4415 Centerview Drive San Antonio, TX 78228 Phone: (210) 581-5200 Service Area: Bexar County	✓				
Custom Care Pharmacy 6206 Benjamin Road, Suite 314 Tampa, FL 33634 Phone: (800) 995-4363 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties		✓			
D&L Medical Products, Inc. 9701 Dessau Road, Suite 202 Austin, TX 78754 Phone: (512) 832-9983 Toll Free: (800) 880-7402 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Davila Pharmacy, Inc. 1423 Guadalupe Street, Suite 108 San Antonio, TX 78207 Phone: (210) 226-5293 Service Area: Bexar County			✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
EBI, L.P. 8627 Cinnamon Creek, Suite 702 San Antonio, TX 78240 Phone: (800) 526-2579 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
G.G. Medical, Inc. 3109 N. St. Mary's Street San Antonio, TX 78212 Phone: (210) 225-0607 Toll Free: (800) 828-5690 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
Healix Health Services, Inc. 5407 Bandera Road, Suite 102 San Antonio, TX 78238 Phone: (210) 340-0340 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
Healthquest Pharmacy 2344 FM 1960 West Road Houston, TX 77068 Phone: (888) 894-8588 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties		✓			

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Homecare Dimensions 8736 Fredericksburg Road, Suite 400 San Antonio, TX 78240 Phone: (210) 696-2626 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				✓
Hope Medical Supply 1116 E. Houston Street San Antonio, TX 78205 Phone: (210) 226-1482 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Huntleigh Home Medical, LLC 341 West Commerce San Antonio, TX 78205 Phone: (210) 225-7400 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties Note: Oxygen Service only to Bexar and Comal Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Kirby Drugs of Texas, Inc. 4515 Blanco Road San Antonio, TX 78212 Phone: (210) 344-1550 Service Area: Bexar County		✓			

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Longhorn Drug Co. 1711 S. Henderson Blvd., Suite A Kilgore, TX 75662 Phone: (888) 670-4139 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties		✓			
LYNAY Healthcare, Inc. 8474 Fredericksburg Road, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78229 Phone: (210) 614-1900 Toll Free: (800) 951-0048 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓		
MG Pharmaceutical, Inc. 6453 Blanco Road San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 341-8599 Toll Free (800) 216-7334 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
Med Link America, Inc. 200 Lions Drive Covington, LA 70433 Phone: (800) 669-0456 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties		✓			

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Ortho-Tex, Inc. 10408-A Gulfdale San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 366-0530 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
OxeNET 5450 Babcock Road, Suite 121 San Antonio, TX 78240 Phone: (210) 691-1661 Toll Free: (800) 530-4708 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Oxy-Care, Inc. 3201 Cherry Ridge, Suite 103 San Antonio, TX 78230 Phone: (210) 377-1317 Service Area: Bexar County			✓		
P.F.T. Services, Inc. 415 Camden San Antonio, TX 78215 Phone: (210) 229-9227 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓			✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Patient Care Systems, Inc. 4738 Center Park San Antonio, TX 78218 Phone: (210) 656-8151 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
Praxair Healthcare 10750 Iota San Antonio, TX 78217 Phone: (800) 613-5165 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
Prescott's Orthotics & Prosthetics 945 Loop 337 North New Braunfels, TX 78130 Phone: (830) 606-2716 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
Professional Medical 386 A Landa New Braunfels, TX 78130 Phone: (830) 608-9577 Toll Free: (800) 880-9748 Service Area: Comal County	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
Promise Medical, Inc. 8301 Broadway, Suite 100D San Antonio, TX 78209 Phone: (210) 804-0565 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓			✓	
Rehab In Motion, Inc. 5460 Babcock Road, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78240 Phone: (210) 696-1084 Service Area: Bexar County			✓		
Respiratory Solutions, Inc. 11911 Warfield San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 308-9100 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Revcare Pharmacy 700 S. Zarzamora, Suite 100 San Antonio, TX 78207 Phone: (210) 436-9292 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties		✓	✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
San Antonio Extended Medical Care, Inc. 4848 Research Drive San Antonio, TX 78240 Phone: (210) 697-9933 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				
San Antonio Orthotics and Artificial Limbs 7220 Louis Pasteur, Suite 150 San Antonio, TX 78299 Phone: (210) 614-8777 Toll Free: (888) 989-1726 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
San Antonio Prosthetics, Corp. 7220 Louis Pasteur, Suite 146 San Antonio, TX 78299 Phone: (210) 616-0761 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
Simon & Simon Medical Equipment Co., Inc. 9207 Huebner Road San Antonio, TX 78070 Phone: (210) 691-1106 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
South Texas Medical Supply 7510 Reindeer Trail San Antonio, TX 78238 Phone: (210) 681-6665 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	✓
Southern Medical, Inc. 12704 O'Connor Road San Antonio, TX 78233 Phone: (210) 653-2491 Toll Free: (800) 525-4781 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Summit D.M.E. of San Antonio 1759 Grandstand San Antonio, TX 78238 Phone: (210) 521-9800 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓		✓	✓	
Texas Homecare Providers 12914 Bandera Highway Helotes, TX 78023 Phone: (210) 695-3099 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties	✓				

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	OXYGEN	NEBULIZER DRUGS	HOSPITAL BEDS	WHEEL CHAIRS	ORTHOTICS
The Orthopedic Store 10410 Gulfdale San Antonio, TX 78216 Phone: (210) 979-8710 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties					✓
Travis Medical 1104 W. 34th Street Austin, TX 78705 Phone: (800) 458-4590 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties			✓	✓	
Western Medical Supplies and Equipment, Inc. 7042 Alamo Downs Parkway, Suite 450 San Antonio, TX 78238 Phone: (210) 543-2660 Service Area: Bexar, Comal and Guadalupe Counties			✓	✓	

Notes

Where to call for help with your Medicare questions

1-210-495-6332 OR 1-888-289-0710

For questions about this demonstration.

1-800-583-2236

For questions about home health and hospice services, or about home medical products not listed on page 6.

1-800-442-2620

For questions about hospital, nursing home, physician or nurse practitioner services.

1-800-772-1213

To change your address or report a lost Medicare card.

1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)

TTY/TDD: (1-877-486-2048)

For general information about Medicare.

1-800-447-8477

To report fraud or abuse of the Medicare program.

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